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Applicant:	Desmond T. Curran and Elfed I. Williams	Examiner:	Aaron J. Lewis
Serial No.:	09/871,223	Group Art Unit:	3761
Filed:	May 31, 2001	Confirmation No.:	6855
Docket No.:	53924US010		
Title:	MANNER OF ATTACHING COMPONENT ELEMENTS TO FILTRATION MATERIAL SUCH AS MAY BE UTILIZED IN RESPIRATORY MASKS		

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 15, 2003, said period of response being extended from October 15, 2003 to Monday, November 17, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$110.00 to Deposit Account 500549 to cover the required extension of time fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of
3M Innovative Properties Company,

Date: November 17, 2003

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